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Subject: Support for Additional Proposition 50, Chapter 8 IRWM Grant Funding
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February 7, 2007

Lester A. Snow
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Dear Mr. Snow:

In order to ensure California can gain benefits from Integrated Regional Water Management as quickly as possible, I am writing to express my support for the proposal to fund additional Implementation Grant proposals from Step 2 of Round 1 of the Proposition 50, Chapter 8 grant program.

The matching funds provided for many of the projects included among the Step 2 Implementation Proposals are available for limited periods of time. Hundreds of millions of dollars have been leveraged within the San Francisco Bay-Delta Region for these projects, and other state grant programs have rapidly approaching deadlines for project implementation. Timely funding of these projects is vital to ensure these projects do not lose access to these matching funds sources.

The near-term projects included in the Step 2 plans have completed two rigorous reviews by the Department of Water Resources and the State Water Board. I am also aware of several high-priority projects included in the East Contra Costa County plan that are already under construction or have completed designs. If funding is provided quickly, I understand that these projects could provide water supply and water quality

benefits as early as Spring 2008.

For these reasons, I am confident the immediate disbursement of the remaining Proposition 50 funds towards Round 1 projects will provide great benefits to the State of California. Please feel free to contact me or Craig Cheslog on my staff at 925-602-6593 if you need additional information about my support for this proposal.

Sincerely,

Tom Torlakson

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